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In re Application of:

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DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
EMPHASIZING A MAIN SUBJECT
OF AN IMAGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend claim 4 as set forth below:

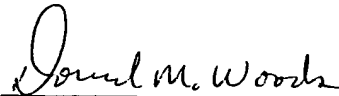
4. The system of Claim 1 wherein said means for identifying
further comprises:
means for segmenting the image into a plurality of regions based
on uniform image characteristics
means for calculating a level of saliency for said plurality of
regions, and
means for assigning a believe value to the pixels corresponding to
said level of saliency.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

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